



Apple Valley Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Newsletter for August 2023

The AV BTYR continues to do what we have a passion for – assisting military personnel who are currently serving, Veterans, and their families. Your help and support have made this possible –making a difference for many Military connected folks.

To get needed services such as groceries, yard work, house repairs, etc., we want to help. We have resources to connect you to the assistance you need. See below for sources:

- Please **contact us directly at 952-923-5014.**
- Or your County Veteran Service Office at 651-554-5631
- Or the American Legion at 952-406-0737
- Please check out our Website: <http://applevalleyyellowribbon.org/> You will find links to important information as well as pictures of our recent events.
- Our next Military Appreciation Dinner is August 17, 2023. Due to limited seating, please RSVP. Call 952-923-5014 or email yellowribbonav@gmail.com.
- Set aside August 14 for the 4th annual BTYR Golf Tournament in Cannon Falls. More information will be coming about signup.
- We recently participated in the Apple Valley July 4th Parade. Honored 4 Veterans on our Float: Bob Grimes (Army), Bill Quintus (Navy), Glenn Sonnee (National Guard), and Eric Amidon (Air Force). Support for the Float was provided by Jay Peterson, BJ, Denise Sonnee, Madilyn Sonnee, Ashton Sonnee, Elizabeth Sundberg, Kira Sonnee, Curt & Laura Martinson, and Lynn Amidon.
- On Tuesday August 22nd, MACV is hosting a summer resource event. MACV's Summer Salute (formerly known as the Summer StandDown) - a legendary event that has always been a hub for networking and referrals among our partners. Hosted at the St. Paul Saints' CHS Field, Summer Salute is a one-stop shop for Veterans facing or experiencing homelessness. From essential support to valuable resources, this event has it all. Join us as we address former service members' immediate needs and empower Veterans for long-term stability and self-sufficiency.
- **As a Qualifying Family Member You May Be Eligible for Compensation Under PACT Act**
The PACT Act expands Veterans' eligibility for benefits based on the addition of new presumptive conditions and toxic exposure locations. As a result, more survivors are eligible for benefits than ever before.
- The Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office is now on Facebook. You'll now be able to see the 2023 Retiree Appreciation Days schedule, Updates coming from DFAS, Tricare, DEERS and many more. You'll also be able to know exactly when the latest copy of the HONORS will be printed and shipped. Please like and follow the Retirement Services Page in the link provided below for all of you Retirement Services updates.
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091981900713>
- Brat sales at the Apple Valley Von Hanson's on August 26 & 27. Please join us for the best tasting brat you've ever had!

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Board / Member Meeting on August 3, 6:00 pm at the Apple Valley Legion
Military Appreciation Dinner August 17 (See above)